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RE application of S. KONDO et al
Serial No.: 09/637,570

Filed: August 14, 2000

For: POLISHING METHOD, METALLIZATION FABRICATION METHOD, METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PATENT

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Group Art Unit: 2812

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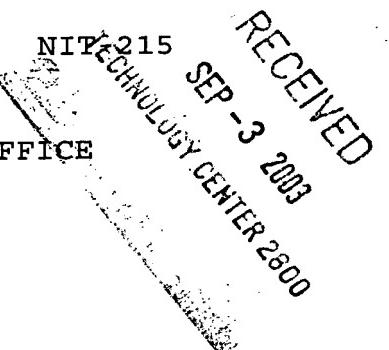
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.